



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Minutes

### Town Council

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**Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Genevieve Cerf, Joe de la Cruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Heather Bond Somers and Harry A. Watson**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2014**

**7:30 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **I. ROLL CALL**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Schmidt.*

Members Present: Mayor Schmidt, Councilor Cerf, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Frink, Councilor Moravsik, Councilor Somers and Councilor Watson

Members Absent: Councilor Flax and Councilor Peruzzotti

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.*

#### **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

*The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor de la Cruz.*

#### **III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS**

##### **2014-0176 Proclamation Recognizing the Groton Public Library**

**Read**

*The proclamation was read by Councilor Frink.*

##### **2014-0191 Proclamation Honoring Valerie Nelson**

**Read**

*The proclamation was read by Councilor Cerf.*

#### **IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

*Jim Furlong, 57 Fishtown Lane, Mystic, reminded Councilors that Groton has natural and economic assets. Besides the beautiful coastline, Groton has Electric Boat; the Submarine Base; UCONN-Avery Point; tourism; and many other local businesses. Mr. Furlong is concerned by some Councilors urgent need to simplify regulations and quickly generate additional revenue.*

*Raymond B. Johnson, M.D., 85 Prospect Hill Road, Noank, stated that there should be trust between the community and the Town Council. He noted that a majority of the neighborhood near Noank School is in favor of a public garden on the property. Dr. Johnson urged the Council to approve the Noank School Community Garden.*

*Tim McDowell, 15 Westview Avenue, Noank, believes that a community garden is a sound long-term investment. He hopes that the Council will approve the public garden. Mr. McDowell read an email from Robert Palm in support of the Noank School Community Garden.*

*Mariellen French, 12 Little Gull Lane, disagrees with the Personnel Committee decision not to reappoint her to the Zoning Commission. She is concerned that this decision will discourage others from volunteering for boards and commissions. Ms. French supports the Noank School Community Garden.*

*Mike Speller, 15 Smith Lane, Noank, applauded the Noank School Reuse Task Force, noting that it took a lot of time and effort to generate its recommendations. He stated that the community does*

*not support development on the Noank School property. Mr. Speller feels that the Noank School Community Garden is a great initiative.*

*Ron Yuhas, 91 South Road, spoke on behalf of himself; Alan Ackley, 99 North Road; and David Weber, 4 Birmingham Court. He noted that mill rates vary in each of the fire districts, with the highest mill rates being paid by Poquonnock Bridge Fire District taxpayers. The Poquonnock Bridge Fire District has non-taxable properties that have an assessed value of over \$391 million. Mr. Yuhas stated that he is not looking for a bail-out, but he would like the taxpayer burden throughout Town to be fair. He remarked that most of the other fire districts are staffed by volunteers, but Poquonnock Bridge has unionized firefighters which represent \$5 million out of its \$6 million budget. Mr. Yuhas noted that nine people will be laid off and he believes that volunteers in the department could help reduce the budget. Mr. Yuhas would like to meet with the Council to discuss this in more detail.*

**V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

*Councilor de la Cruz and Councilor Cerf stated that they would like more information about the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District situation.*

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**a. Approval of Minutes**

**2014-0204 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of June 17, 2014 are hereby accepted and approved.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

**b. Administrative Items**

**2014-0186 Special Trust Fund Contributions**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$7.27 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Barbara Weeman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Groton Utilities - \$69.28 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Groton Rotary Club - \$500.00 - Veterans Memorial Park  
Julius and Daniel Panucci - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Fitch Class of 1954 - \$400.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Aimee F. Allaire - \$4.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Benjamin Anderson - \$24.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marcy Casey - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Sandra Champion - \$9.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Carl Conrad - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Nora Belle DuRocher - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Chinwe Erike - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
James Eskra - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Larry Grundy - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Elizabeth Hogan - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lauren Huck - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Arnold Jordan, Sr. - \$15.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Pride Kelleles - \$6.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Heather King - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lisa Knobloch - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving

Beverly L. Lavallo - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Rebecca Martin - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Amy Matteson - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Emily Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katherine S. Nelson - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Nina Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kathryn A. Roschmann - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katy M. Stoddard - \$6.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lawrence Taylor - \$1.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Merin Troutman - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Arianna Turello - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katherine Wilhelm - \$40.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Jeanne M. Yellow Robe - \$2.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marsha Cimmerian - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Katherine Zod - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Emily Burke - \$13.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Patricia Carrigan - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Eileen Cicchese - \$31.74 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Karen Colgan - \$60.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Jane W. Coutu - \$60.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Diane Darling - \$12.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Susan Decorte-McMillan - \$2,000 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kelsey A. Fournier - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Mark Fournier - \$100.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Heather Frost - \$50.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Patricia W. Garcia - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lillian Green - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Catherine Hoffman - \$35.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
SECADD, Inc. - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Arnold Jordan, Sr. - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
James Ledwidge - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Janet Ledwidge - \$12.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Heather Main - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Elizabeth Marshall - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Eric Motin - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Emily Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Nina Nelson - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Knights of Columbus - \$300.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Daniel Pineault - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Barbara Strother - \$105.80 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Phyllis Walsh - \$190.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Wesley Williams - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Lillian Zabinsky - \$200.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Neil Zabinsky - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Kirsti Zarn - \$52.91 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Mayra Zayas-Mendin - \$56.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Marsha Zimmermann - \$25.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Tony Medeiros - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Karl Salvati - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving  
Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Trillium Garden Club - \$400.00 - Library Miscellaneous

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

**c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**

- 2014-0157      **Neighborhood Assistance Act Program**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0194      **Resolution in Support of Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction Project**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0196      **Public Hearing on a Proposed Lease of a Portion of Fitch Middle School to Project LEARN**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0197      **Extension of Lease Agreements with TVCCA for 36-40 Central Avenue**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0199      **Extension of Lease for CMEEC Electric Generating Facility, Gary Court**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0201      **Legislative Policy Initiative to Increase Revenue**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0203      **Mystic Streetscape Project Design - Second Supplemental Agreement**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0205      **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Noank School Community Garden**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2014-0207      **Resolution Reconfirming Town Council Desire to have the Former Noank School Property Remain Publicly Owned**  
This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

**Passed The Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.  
The motion carried unanimously

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

**a. Town Councilors**

*Councilors received communications regarding the Noank School Community Garden; the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District; bundling of tax bills for automobiles; and the boat launch at Calvin Burrows Field.*

*Councilor Watson, Councilor Frink, and Mayor Schmidt attended the memorial service for Linda Krause.*

*Councilor Watson attended a Shellfish Commission meeting and met with the Town Manager to discuss his evaluation.*

*Councilor Moravsik met with the President of the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District. He also attended the Annual Groton Long Point Association meeting and an Economic Development Commission meeting.*

*Councilor Frink attended a meeting with the downtown Mystic Merchants Association. He announced that Mystic Eats will be held September 5-7, 2014.*

**b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**

*The Town Clerk stated that the RTM met July 9, 2014. The next regular meeting of the RTM is scheduled for August 13, 2014.*

**c. Clerk of the Council**

*The Town Clerk remarked that over 680 dog licenses were sold in the month of June; ThyroSafe (potassium iodide) tablets are available at the Town Clerk's Office; and the Town is looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on its boards and commissions. She noted that the Republican Primary will be held on August 12, 2014.*

**d. Town Manager**

*The Town Manager stated that Bill Robarge been hired as an Assistant Director in the Public Works Department. Mr. Oefinger noted that the contractor has completed the paving portion of Mystic Streetscape Phase II. The final walk-through with the Department of Transportation (DOT) will be on July 18, 2014.*

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Community Relations - Chairman de la Cruz**

*No meeting, no report.*

**b. Finance - Chairman Frink**

*Councilor Frink noted that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's meeting. He stated that the Finance Committee would like to meet with State legislators. By consensus, the Town Council will invite State legislators to a future meeting. Councilor Frink will give a full report at the next Town Council meeting.*

**c. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Flax**

*The Town Clerk read the minutes of July 1, 2014, which are on file at the Town Clerk's office.*

**d. Rules - Chairman Frink**

*No meeting, no report.*

**e. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Schmidt**

*The Committee of the Whole discussed the items on tonight's Agenda.*

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**2014-0194 Resolution in Support of Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction Project**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADVANCING THE CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO THE FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has published a display ad, mailed a copy of the news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a notification letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public information meeting to present the preliminary design plans for the transportation project known as Project No. 58-327 Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on June 18, 2014 at the Groton Town Hall Annex at 7:00 p.m. at which residents, the general public along, and abutting property owners, had an opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period was given from June 18, 2014 to July 2, 2014 which allowed interested parties to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary and final design phase and the construction phase will be funded utilizing 80% Federal funds, 10% State funds, and 10% municipal funds; and

WHEREAS, the total project has been estimated by the State Department of Transportation to be \$5,582,100, of which the Town of Groton's 10% funding contribution is equivalent to \$558,210; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton has committed all funding of the municipal share; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the proposed project is in the best interest of the Town of Groton and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the traveling public; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton Town Council by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the advancement of Project No. 58-327 Crystal Lake Road Reconstruction to the final design and construction phases.

**A motion was made by Councilor Moravsik, seconded by Councilor Cerf, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2014-0196      Public Hearing on a Proposed Lease of a Portion of Fitch Middle School to Project LEARN**

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LEASE OF A PORTION OF FITCH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO PROJECT LEARN

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing as per CGS Sec. 7-163e on a proposed lease of a portion of Fitch Middle School to Project LEARN for the Dual Language and Arts Magnet Middle School on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

**A motion was made by Councilor de la Cruz, seconded by Councilor Frink, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2014-0197      Extension of Lease Agreements with TVCCA for 36-40 Central Avenue**

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LEASES TO TVCCA FOR 36-40 CENTRAL AVENUE

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council will hold a public hearing as per CGS Sec. 7-163e on proposed lease extensions at 36-40 Central Avenue to TVCCA for childcare and early education programs on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

**A motion was made by Councilor Cerf, seconded by Councilor de la Cruz, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2014-0199      Extension of Lease for CMEEC Electric Generating Facility, Gary Court**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A GROUND LEASE TO CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE (CMEEC) FOR AUXILIARY ELECTRIC POWER GENERATORS OFF GARY COURT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) entered into a ground lease for a portion of property at 170 Gary Court for auxiliary electric power generators on March 22, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the lease is ten and on-half years after the commencement date, or January 22, 2021, and

WHEREAS, CMEEC desires to extend the lease for an additional term of eighteen and one-half years from the expiration of the initial term, or July 22, 2039, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may execute the First Amendment and Extension to the Ground Lease with CMEEC for a portion of property at 170 Gary Court for auxiliary electric power generators, along with all ancillary documents that may be required.

**A motion was made by Councilor Somers, seconded by Councilor de la Cruz, that this matter be Adopted.**

*The Town Manager noted that the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) requested the extension. An extension of a lease does not need to be referred to the Planning Commission again or require an additional Public Hearing.*

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2014-0201**

**Legislative Policy Initiative to Increase Revenue**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE POLICY INITIATIVE TO INCREASE REVENUE**

WHEREAS, it is the Town Council's desire to determine if the economic value of certain properties/opportunity areas can be significantly increased including, but not limited to, the following: Mystic Oral School; Downtown Mystic; the Groton/Thames interface including vacant Pfizer property on the Thames River; Town owned former school properties; Groton-New London Airport and the potential establishment of an airport development zone; Long Hill Road shopping areas; Industrial Park zoned properties; Flanders Road Business Park, and

WHEREAS, the ranking and evaluation of sites should be based on criteria such as best use; greatest market potential; greatest return; least investment; shortest time to break-even; least risk; best fit to the community; best way to compete in the region, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Council would like to solicit bids from qualified firms to assist them in determining the economic value of the above noted properties and opportunity areas as part of a market based assessment of the economy/business development of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to solicit bids from qualified firms to perform a market based assessment of the economic/business development potential of Groton.

**A motion was made by Councilor Frink, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, that this matter be Adopted.**

*The Town Manager noted that the Town has information on most, if not all, of these properties. He suggested a working session to allow Councilors to review the data that has already been collected. Mr. Oefinger remarked that an assessment will be worthwhile if one or two projects are identified to move forward with.*

*Councilor Somers and Councilor Cerf stated that it would be good to have a working session to review the information already gathered.*

*Councilor Moravsik stated that a firm such as Goman + York will provide a fresh point-of-view on how to develop these properties. He feels that we need an outside opinion.*

*Councilor Frink remarked that the study will be from a market-based vantage point. He noted that the Town needs to generate additional revenue to get back the \$1.8 million that is going off the tax rolls.*

*Councilor de la Cruz agreed with Councilor Frink. He stated that this study would enable developers to see what is available in Groton.*

*Councilor Somers noted that the grand list grew last year. She stated that it would be good to have a market study generated, but it is also important to know what information the Town has already accumulated.*

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 6 - Mayor Schmidt, Councilor de la Cruz, Councilor Frink, Councilor Moravsik, Councilor Somers and Councilor Watson  
Abstain: 1 - Councilor Cerf

**2014-0203**

**Mystic Streetscape Project Design - Second Supplemental Agreement**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF**

GROTON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR THE MYSTIC STREETSCAPE PROJECT UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager, be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the second supplemental agreement entitled "Second Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement Dated August 16, 2001 between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Groton for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for the Mystic Streetscape (Groton) Utilizing Federal Funds Under the High Priority Projects Program".

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Frink, that this matter be Adopted.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

**Motion to Table the Next Two Resolutions**

*MOTION to TABLE Resolutions 2014-0207 Resolution Reconfirming Town Council Desire to have the Former Noank School Property Remain Publicly Owned"and 2014-0205 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Noank School Community Garden"until the next Town Council meeting was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Moravsik.*

*Councilor Watson noted that he believes that a majority of the Town Council would have voted in favor of the next two resolutions if the entire Council were present at tonight's meeting. He suggested that the resolutions be tabled.*

*Discussion ensued regarding whether this would set a precedent; whether the entire Council should be present for these votes; the fact that resolutions have been tabled before; and that discussions regarding this property have been on-going for several years.*

*VOTE on Motion to Table passed unanimously.*

**2014-0207**

**Resolution Reconfirming Town Council Desire to have the Former Noank School Property Remain Publicly Owned**

**RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING TOWN COUNCIL DESIRE TO HAVE THE FORMER NOANK SCHOOL PROPERTY REMAIN PUBLICLY OWNED**

WHEREAS, the Town Council established the Noank School Reuse Task Force in May 2008 to determine the statutory and other limitations on the Noank School property; inventory community needs that could be accommodated at the Noank School; make a recommendation as to whether or not the property should be permanently disposed of as surplus or reused to meet other public needs or leased to an outside concern; and recommend a plan to solicit reuse proposals for Town Council review; and

WHEREAS, starting in October 2008 the Task Force met numerous times, received significant public input, and conducted a community-wide survey regarding the school and its potential demolition or reuse, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force presented its final report and recommendation to the Town Council in October 2011, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 1, 2011 the Town Council endorsed two of the three recommendations of the Task Force, specifically 1) The Noank School property remain publicly owned; and 2) As a publicly owned property the Noank Fire District be given a six month time frame to present a plan for the school and property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council at its meeting on June 5, 2012 granted the Noank Fire District an additional six months to develop a full and detailed multi-year plan for the reuse of the former Noank School, and



WHEREAS, the Town Council at its meeting on April 2, 2013 rejected the Noank Fire District's Noank School Reuse Committee reuse proposal, and

WHEREAS, over the last year the Town Council has received numerous ideas and suggestions concerning the reuse of the Noank School property, including proposals that would involve selling all or a portion of the property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council reconfirms that it is their desire that the former Noank School property remain publicly owned and not sold for private development purposes.

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, that this matter be Postponed to a Certain Time to the Town Council, due back on August 5, 2014.**

*Councilors agreed to table this item until the next Town Council meeting.*

**The motion carried unanimously**

**2014-0205**

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Noank School Community Garden**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT THE FORMER NOANK SCHOOL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town Council passed a resolution at their meeting on May 20, 2014 directing that a lease with the Noank School Public Gardens group be prepared, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Noank School Public Gardens group and Town staff have had follow up discussions and are now of the opinion that leasing the property is not a viable alternative for the Noank School Public Gardens, and

WHEREAS, the Noank School Public Gardens group is still desirous of creating an appropriately sized community garden at the former Noank School property, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Noank School Public Gardens group and Town staff to prepare a draft/proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) within three months for Town Council review and approval that would allow for the establishment of community gardens at the former Noank School property.

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, that this matter be Postponed to a Certain Time to the Town Council, due back on August 5, 2014.**

*Councilors agreed to table this item until the next Town Council meeting.*

**The motion carried unanimously**

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. was made by Councilor Cerf, seconded by Councilor Somers and so voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*

*Lori Watrous, Office Assistant*